

WINTER BLAST 2027

retreat info sheet

Middle school and high school students are invited to kick off the new year at Winter Blast 2027! Get ready for a weekend full of worship sessions, group games and fellowship with youth groups throughout the district.

Speaker



Charles Amoh
Alliance Youth Director
C&MA National Office

Registration

- Attendees can sign up directly on the district website. Must be associated with a church to attend.
- The youth leader is responsible for all attendees, youth and adult chaperones, that sign up through the District website.
- Payment can be completed via credit card or check mailed to the office.
- Registration closes Friday, December 18.**
- Sign up at:**
www.cognitofrms.com/AllianceSouth1/WinterBlast2027



Ridgecrest Conference Center
1 Ridgecrest Dr, Black Mountain, NC 28711



January 8-10, 2027
Friday evening – Sunday afternoon



\$135 per person
Does not include Saturday afternoon off-campus activity or Saturday dinner

Retreat Schedule

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Registration	7 pm
Pre Session	9 pm
Session 1	10 pm
Lights Out	12 am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Breakfast	7:15 am
Presession 2	8 am
Session 2	9 am
Group Activity	10:30 am
Lunch	12 pm
Free Time	1 pm
Pre Session 3	8:30 pm
Session 3	9:30 pm
Lights Out	12 am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Breakfast	7:15 am
Pre Session 4	8 am
Session 4	9 am
Check Out	11:30 am

Questions?

Contact Alliance South Youth Point Person, Kelly Miller, via email or phone:



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What does the registration cost include?

Cost includes housing, food for the weekend, registration, shirt and the weekend activity. Cost is per person, for both youth and adult chaperones.

What time do we arrive on Friday?

Anytime between 4pm and 9pm. If you plan on arriving after 9pm, please let Kelly know.

What is the housing situation like at Ridgecrest Conference Center?

Each youth group will be assigned rooms that can hold up to 12 people, split up by girls and boys. Each room is required to have adult supervision staying in the room.

What are we able to do during free time on Saturday afternoon?

Each youth group is responsible for booking and taking their group to the off campus activities. Activities could include: skiing/snowboarding, trampoline park, Biltmore house tour, exploring Asheville, tubing, etc.

Where do we go skiing/snowboarding?

Cataloochee Ski Area, 1080 Ski Lodge Rd, Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Can our group stay off campus?

No. All groups attending the Winter Blast retreat are required to stay on campus at Ridgecrest Retreat Center. We receive a discounted rate for housing as well as the activities. In order to keep these great rates, we need everyone to participate in the offerings as a whole.

Are groups able to stay on campus at Ridgecrest during the free time on Saturday afternoon?

Yes! The retreat will have activities available for groups to participate in throughout the free time. Dinner is not provided and the responsibility of the youth group leader to coordinate. There are several options near the conference center to drive to.

Is there a suggested packing list?

Yes! Please send this information out to your students:

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| - Sleeping Bag/Blanket/Pillow (Bed linens are provided) | - Sweatshirt/Warm Coat |
| - Toiletries (tooth brush, tooth paste, shampoo, soap) | - Closed Toed Shoes & socks |
| - Bath Towel | - Weather Appropriate Clothing |
| - Bible | - Ski clothes |
| - Notebook | - \$\$ for offering |
| - Pen/Pencil | - \$\$ for meals not provided by the retreat |

What time should we expect to leave on Sunday?

The retreat will wrap up by 12pm. Lunch is not provided. Groups are required to be packed up before the last session starts and can leave following the last session.

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